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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

SUMMARY: MORNING WIRE LEADS COVER HAK'S MEETING WITH
FAHMI IN PREPARATION FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH SADAT DURING
NIGHT HOURS. BERGER AND GWERTZMAN DISCUSS HAK'S RETURN
TO CAIRO AND PROSPECTS FOR NEW NEGOTIATING ARRANGEMENTS.
END SUMMARY.

1. WIRES. AP LEADS WITH UNEXPECTEDLY LONG MEETING BE-
TWEEN FAHMI AND KISSINGER, FOLLOWED BY BREAK FOR SIGHT-
SEEING. UPI QUOTES KISSINGER SAYING "WE ARE WORKING
FAST" ON ARRANGING GROUNDWORK FOR POSSIBLE START OF TALKS.
REUTER STATES HAK IS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR A
FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN SINAI IN HIS CONVERSATIONS
WITH SADAT. ALL THREE WIRES IN VARIOUS TONES STATE THAT
TOP U.S. OFFICIALS ARE OPPOSED TO AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF
GENEVA TALKS AND REUTER REPORTS, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE
SOURCES, THAT FAHMI HAS DESCRIBED THE PEACE CONFERENCE AS
BEING "IN THE FRIGIDAIRE". REUTER CONTINUES THAT IF HAK'S
EFFORTS LEAD TO THE BYPASSING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE,
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THIS WOULD BE A SET BACK FOR THE SOVIETS. AP AND UPI

BOTH REPORT ON BEIRUT NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT THAT SYRIA WILL DEMAND FROM KISSINGER FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWALS ON THE -
GOLAN AS PRICE FOR EXTENDING MANDATE OF UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE, DUE TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 30.

2. NEW YORK TIMES; PAGE THREE, FOUR COLUMNS WITH PIX OF SADAT AND HAK. GWERTZMAN LEADS WITH KISSINGER RETURNING TO CAIRO EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT HE WOULD ACHIEVE HIS GOAL OF OBTAINING AGREEMENT ON THE TIMING AND FORMAT FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF ARAB-ISRAELI TALKS. GWERTZMAN NOTES HAK AIRPORT ARRIVAL REMARKS IN WHICH HE NOTED PRESIDENT FORD'S COMMITMENT TO AMERICAN EFFORTS MADE FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE, FOLLOWED BY OBSERVATION OF U.S. OFFICIALS ABOARD PLANE THEY WERE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIONS WOULD HAVE ANY IMPACT ON MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. THEY THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT RAPPORT WHICH KISSINGER HAD BUILT UP IN PREVIOUS TRIPS WOULD BE SUSTAINED. GWERTZMAN DESCRIBES "MODALITIES" AND VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS, AGAINST BACKDROP THAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE CONVINCED RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD LEAD ONLY TO PUBLIC BICKERING AT THIS STAGE, PARTICULARLY OVER ISSUE OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION. GWERTZMAN ALSO NOTES THAT KISSINGER IS REPORTED TO BE PLEASED BY RECENT CONCILATORY SOUNDING STATEMENTS OF RABIN, OFFERING TO HOLD TALKS NOT ONLY WITH EGYPTIANS BUT ALSO JORDANIANS.

3. WASHINGTON POST, PAGE 29. BERGER SAYS KISSINGER RETURNED TO CAIRO "FORTIFIED" BY PERSONAL SENDOFF OF PRESIDENT FORD, CLEARLY INTENDED TO BOLSTER HAK'S PRESTIGE. BERGER PUTS HAK'S ARRIVAL REMARKS ON FORD IN CONTEXT OF PRESIDENT'S PRO-ISRAELI RECORD IN CONGRESS WHICH HAD MADE ARABS UNEASY. BERGER NOTES THAT HAK ARRIVES IN CAIRO WITH A NUMBER OF BURDENS: INCREASING CRITICISM IN CONGRESS, QUESTIONS ABOUT THE \$250 MILLION ECONOMIC PACKAGE FOR EGYPT, AND THE OIL PRICE CRISIS, DESCRIBING KISSINGER'S OIL STRATEGY -- ARRANGING COOPERATION AMONG OIL CONSUMERS -- AS AN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN HIS HAND. WHILE THIS IS A BIG PRESCRIPTION, UNCLASSIFIED

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KISSINGER THINKS THAT PROCESS MAY BE COMPLETED AS EARLY AS NEXT MARCH. ON THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, BERGER CONCLUDES THAT HAK APPEARED CONFIDENT HE COULD GET SOME TALKS UNDERWAY, THOUGH A SENIOR OFFICIAL SAID KISSINGER'S HAND IS WEAKENED IN EGYPT BECAUSE OF DISAPPOINTMENTS IN DEALING WITH THE "AMERICAN BUREAUCRACY AND CONGRESS."

4. CHICAGO TRIBUNE AND WSJ. TRIB USES WIRE SERVICE
REPORTS, NO STARR BYLINES. NOTHING IN WSJ.
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